

Chief of Staff Sununu resigns due to opposition Transportation secretary a likely successor

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — John H. Sununu, the combative White House chief of staff whose abrasive style earned him enemies in both parties, resigned Tuesday, telling President Bush he didn't want to be "a drag on our success."

The resignation came after weeks of rumors that Sununu was on his way out. The 52-year-old former New Hampshire governor had come under increasing criticism from Republicans for his role in what they saw as ineffectual White House action on the faltering economy.

Speculation immediately centered on Transportation Secretary Samuel Skinner as a likely successor, although the White House said no decision had been made.

One GOP congressional source doubted the decision to give Skinner the job was "definite but not official."

Sununu handed Bush a five-page handwritten resignation note on Air Force One while Bush was on a trip to Florida and Mississippi.

Bush accepted the resignation, effective Dec. 15, and said in a statement that Sununu would remain as a counselor with Cabinet rank through March 1.

Later, standing beside Sununu on Air Force One, Bush told reporters, "He has taken a lot of hard shots that he could have landed on my chin."

Sununu noted that Bush was heading into his re-election campaign and said, "He doesn't need an extra political target folks will be shooting at."

Administration and Republican sources said they expected Skinner, a long-time political ally of the president's who played an active role in his 1988 re-election effort, to get the top White House staff job.

White House spokeswoman Judy Smith said as far as she knew, Bush had not offered Skinner the job.

Skinner is well respected by other cabinet members, GOP members of Congress and Republican campaign workers.

Speculation that he would get the job was fueled by revelations that he had a private dinner with the president on Sunday and breakfast at the White House on Monday with Bush's son and chief political trouble shooter, George W. Bush.

It was Bush's eldest son who delivered the bad news to Sununu last Wednesday that there was wide opposition to him among Bush's top advisers and administration.

In his letter, Sununu said that until recently he had been convinced he could be a strong contributor to Bush's efforts.

"But in politics, especially during the seasons of a political campaign,



AP photo

Chief of Staff John Sununu resigned Tuesday following increasing criticism of his role in the nation's struggling economy.

perceptions that can be effectively dealt with at other times can be converted into real political negatives," Sununu wrote.

"And I would never want to not be contributing positively, much less be a drag on your success."

Gorbachev warns against breakup, pushes for approval of Union Treaty

Associated Press

MOSCOW — President Mikhail S. Gorbachev warned Tuesday that the disintegration of the Soviet Union will lead to misfortune, catastrophe and war, but Russia hastened the breakup by recognizing Ukraine's new statehood.

Saying the country was experiencing a destructive "crisis of statehood," Gorbachev urged lawmakers across the Soviet Union to approve his proposed Union Treaty.

"The breakup of such a multi-ethnic community will bring misfortunes upon millions of our people, which will outbalance all possible temporary benefits from secession," Gorbachev said in a statement distributed to lawmakers in all 12 republics, not just those seven who have said they will sign the treaty.

"A breakup is fraught with interethnic, interrepublic clashes, even wars," he said. "That would be a catastrophe for the entire global community."

Coming one day after Ukrainian officials announced that voters in the republic had overwhelmingly approved a referendum on independence, Gorbachev's comments amounted to a desperate plea to save some form of union as well as what little remains of his dwindling authority.

The proposed treaty would limit the Kremlin's role to foreign affairs, strategic nuclear arms and coordination of economic policy. It also would establish a five-year, directly elected national presidency and an independent

judiciary, and allow the republics to introduce their own currencies.

Ukraine's newly elected president, Leonid Kravchuk, previously pledged not to sign the treaty. Russian Federation President Boris Yeltsin said in a newspaper interview last week that if Ukraine did not sign the treaty, his republic would not sign either.

Yeltsin on Tuesday recognized Ukraine as an independent state, Soviet news media reported. The move could seal Ukrainian secession and remove a diplomatic hurdle for nations considering the step.

Poland, which borders Ukraine, already recognized Ukraine's statehood, and the United States, Canada, Sweden, Hungary and Denmark announced similar plans.

Gorbachev's appeal to national and republic lawmakers on the Union Treaty did not mention Ukraine. But his spokesman, Andrei Grachev, said the referendum results "were quite predictable."

Trying to put the most positive face on the blow that Ukrainians dealt the Soviet leader, Grachev said the vote would now allow the government in Kiev to work out its future relations with other republics.

He added, "The president believes that a most effective means to resolve the accumulated problems of the union lies not through separation," but through reforming the outdated central government.

Gorbachev warned that further disintegration of the union would bring bloodshed, economic collapse and stifled development in science, technology and culture.

Y hires 1st female spokesperson

By CHERI PADFIELD
Universe Staff Writer

Margaret Smoot, president of Smoot Productions and former director of creative services at KSL-TV, has been named the new director of BYU's Public Communications Department.

She will replace Paul Richards, who has been the director for 13 years.

Smoot was selected from a pool of more than 90 applicants and will replace Richards on Feb. 1, 1992, said Ronald Hyde, executive assistant to President Rex E. Lee.

Hyde said Smoot was selected because the administration was impressed with her qualifications, especially her media experience and creative abilities.

President Lee said, "We are impressed with Margaret's accomplishments in the public media industry and are pleased she has consented to serve as BYU's chief spokesperson."

Smoot will be the first woman to serve as BYU's public communications director. Richards said there may be people both inside and outside of BYU who will be surprised by Smoot's appointment, but he said he



MARGARET SMOOT

thinks they will take it in stride.

Although she has not worked in an academic setting like BYU before, Smoot said she is pleased to have the opportunity to come to BYU. "I feel like I can bring some media and news expertise to my position, having worked with the local television media and news for the past 10 years," Smoot said.

She said she is also looking forward to working with BYU administrators

and students.

Richards said Smoot has had the advantage of working in the media and in large organizations, giving her an understanding of how both sides work. "Knowing both sides and being able to interpret both to each other is vital in this job," Richards said.

Hyde said, "She has a proven track record in public relations and will be an excellent replacement for Richards."

Richards said he is leaving BYU to pursue other interests such as writing and freelance work. He said his job at BYU has been very gratifying, but there have also been some frustrations and things he won't miss.

"I will not miss the reporters and talkshow hosts who haven't a clue as to what is going on and don't care," Richards said.

He also said he won't miss the arm-chair-quarterback-types who are free with their advice to administrators and coaches on how to run a football team and university, but "would wither and die under the first sign of pressure if they were doing the job themselves."

Richards said it also frustrates him when "Faculty members who are very smart do really dumb things."

Hostage release had roots in Soviet collapse, Gulf War

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — After all the frustrating years, the hostage ordeal was rushing toward an end Tuesday.

Eight Westerners have been freed in four months — their freedom a result of historic changes that include the collapse of the Soviet Union and the display of U.S. military power in the Persian Gulf.

Those and other developments accelerated policy shifts in Iran and Syria, the two nations that had to cooperate for the ordeal to end.

"They understood, the Iranians, that hostages were the single main obstacle between Iran and the rest of the world," said Judith Kipper, an analyst at the Brookings Institution.

Expectations were high that journalist Terry Anderson, the last American held in Lebanon, would soon be free after more than 6½ years in captivity.

He would re-enter a world politically far different than it was when he was taken prisoner in March 1985.

It was a world in which U.N. Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar was able to use the new concerns of Iran and Syria to broker deals for hostage releases that involved complex elements including Israeli release of Arab prisoners and U.S. freeing of Iranian assets.

The swift release of hostages after so many years of dashed hopes created the impression of a sudden shift.

Many analysts suggest their release came as a result of changes that began before the Soviet collapse and the Gulf War.

Shaul Bakhash, a professor at George Mason University who specializes in Iranian affairs, said the push within Iran to normalize relations with the West took place over "a much longer period of time."

Bakhash said the Iranians used the Gulf War as a cover to accelerate their efforts to end the diplomatic and economic isolation that began when Ayatollah Khomeini ruled the country.

HOSTAGES RELEASED SINCE AUG.	
NAME	DATE RELEASED
Alann Steen-American	DEC 3
Joseph Cicippio-American	DEC 2
Terry Waite-Briton	NOV 18
Thomas Sutherland-American	NOV 18
Jack Mann-Briton	SEPT 24
Jesse Turner-American	SEPT 21
Edward Tracy-American	AUG 11
Jerome Leyrand-French	AUG 11
John McCarthy-Briton	AUG 8

HOSTAGES STILL HELD	
TERRY ANDERSON, 44, chief Middle East correspondent of the Associated Press. Kidnapped March 16, 1985, by Islamic Jihad. The longest-held of all four hostages.	
HEINRICH STRUEBIG, 50, and THOMAS KEMPTNER, 30, Germans who worked for the ASME-Humanitas relief group in Palestinian refugee camps near Sidon, south Lebanon. Kidnapped May 16, 1989. No group has claimed responsibility.	
ALBERTO MOLINARI, 72, an Italian businessman. Kidnapped Sept. 11, 1985, his 66th birthday, as he crossed Beirut's dividing Green Line from the Christian sector to the Muslim zone. Nothing has been heard of him since. Shiite leaders said in September 1991 that he was dead.	
ALEC COLLETT was kidnapped in 1985, and British officials say he is assumed dead following claims he was killed in 1986 in retaliation for British assistance in U.S. bombing raids on Libya.	

Source: Washington Post/AP

Iran restored relations with Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Jordan and England during the war.

The desire in Tehran for a normalization of relations with the outside world would not have been enough to free the hostages.

It took an alteration in the world balance of power that existed when the hostages were taken in the mid-1980s.

Steen free after nearly 5 years

Associated Press

LEBANON, Syria — The Lebanon kidnapping ordeal seemed headed for an end with the release of another American Tuesday, and reports said Terry Anderson, the last American captive, could be freed Wednesday.

The freeing of American Alann Steen was the latest in a series of dramatic releases since August that has been orchestrated by the United Nations. Only three Westerners still are held captive by Shiite Muslim radicals.

U.N. Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar said in New York after meeting with Iranian Ambassador Kamal Kharrazi that he expected yet another release within two days. "I know it will be very soon but I cannot say when," he added.

Kharrazi said it was his understanding that Anderson would be freed by Wednesday, and sources in Damascus who are close to the hostage negotiations made the same prediction. There were indications that the United Nations was working on a separate deal to gain two German hostages' freedom.

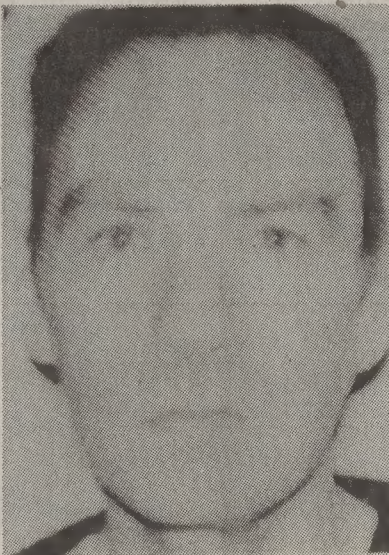
Steen, a Boston native, spent nearly five years in captivity.

"It's great to be out," the 52-year-old journalism teacher told reporters at a news conference at the Syrian Foreign Ministry.

Steen wept as he was turned over to U.S. Ambassador Christopher Ross.

"I don't think I can find the words right now to express how I feel, except that it's wonderful," said Steen, who was kidnapped Jan. 24, 1987 at the U.S.-supported Beirut University College by extremists posing as Lebanese police. "Five years is no fun."

The pro-Iranian organization of Is-



ALANN STEEN

rived at the U.S. Air Force hospital in Wiesbaden.

Steen punched his fist in the air in jubilation as confetti showered down

around him and the crowd cheered wildly. A banner hung outside the hospital said "Dear Santa, Please Bring Us One More," referring to Anderson. Anderson, kidnapped on March 16, 1985, is the longest held.

Steen was to join American Joseph Cicippio, who was freed Monday. A U.S. physician said Cicippio was knocked unconscious when he was abducted in 1986. He suffered frostbite in captivity, the doctor said, but he is generally healthy.

Steen said in Damascus that he exercised two hours every day while in captivity but had many colds. His face and neck were covered with what appeared to be abrasions. Steen said he caused them himself when he shaved for the first time in three years.

Asked if he had a message for his wife, Steen said: "I love her, I miss her." Virginia Steen later spoke to her husband from her home in Clark Lake, Mich. "I told him I loved him. ... I told him he's a grandfather."

The United States welcomed the release, but White House spokesman Marlín Fitzwater said the ordeal would not be over until all Westerners were freed.

Eat and sleep properly to avoid illness

Cold weather, damp conditions put stress on body, lower resistance, doctor says

By JOSEPH OGDEN
Universe Staff Writer

Although the arrival of winter and finals normally means a rise in respiratory infections like the flu and sore throats, doctors and BYU professors agree that students can reduce their risk by applying some relatively common health practices.

Dr. James Clark, of the McDonald Health Center, said cold weather and damp conditions put stress on the body that can lower its resistance. "Don't do the things we identify with the term getting 'run down,'" he said.

Proper rest, dress, nutrition and exercise all help the body keep its resistance level high, Clark said.

How much sleep a person should get is a question to which nearly every mother claims expertise. Nonetheless, doctors say the ideal amount varies among individuals.

Clark estimates that anywhere between six and eight hours is sufficient

although many exceptions exist. "Rest enough that you're not fatigued all the time," he said.

Appropriate dress during the winter months can also play a role in reducing stress.

Charlene Lind, BYU associate professor of clothing and textiles, suggested loose clothing with tight closures around the wrists, ankles and neck. Dead air space trapped by this kind of clothing is the best insulator, she said.

A common misconception many students have is that denim jeans are good winter wear, Lind said. Denim

is very cold and stiff, not a good insulator. Wool pants are much warmer per weight than jeans, she said.

Lind also said anyone going into the mountains should take clothing adequate for an overnight stay. It's not necessary to wear it but to have it with you. Every year someone gets lost or stuck in the mountains, she said.

Though the body's nutritional requirements don't change much in the winter, good nutrition generally improves immunity, said Lora Beth Brown, a

BYU assistant professor of food science.

Back to the basics with the four food groups, variety and balance is good sense, Brown said. "In general the closer you are to the original form, the better you are off."

Milk, yogurt and cheese are good examples of "whole" foods, whereas with nachos, nutrition is dropped down a notch or two, Brown said.

Dr. Martin MacNeill, of the McDonald Health Center, said an individual's level of exercise shouldn't decrease just because it's cold outside. MacNeill suggests shifting emphasis to winter sports like downhill or cross-country skiing or using the indoor facilities at the university.

Scientific evidence that low temperatures actually reduce the body's immunity are sketchy at best, Clark said. Some doctors believe people get sick more often in the winter because they are closer together. "I don't buy this idea," he said.

NEWS DIGEST

Compiled from staff and news service reports

Pay raise proposed for Utah officials

SALT LAKE CITY — A citizens commission says Utah's elected executives deserve pay raises of up to 28 percent to keep up with inflation and provide a salary increase that was recommended but never delivered last year.

The size of the increases recommended by the six-member Executive and Judicial Compensation Commission range from 17.8 percent for State Treasurer Ed Alter to 28.6 percent for Attorney General Paul Van Dam.

While the commission is suggesting raises totaling \$101,200 for the state's top five officials, state employees are asking for a pay package that will increase salaries by an average of 8 percent.

However, the commission's report to the Legislature points out that elected executives didn't get the 4 percent pay increase.

They got no raises at all.

The report added that salaries need to be adjusted regularly to keep pace with inflation, with the salaries paid to similar office-holders in other states and with their own employees, according to the report.

Failure to do so "as justified by the above comparisons then leads to the necessity for catch-up increases that become harder to accomplish because of the significant percentage increases required," the report said.

The commission has proposed giving Gov. Norm Bangerter a \$17,200 pay raise, increasing his annual salary of \$72,800 by 23.6 percent to \$90,000.

Ward leaves Huntsman on Senate bid

SALT LAKE CITY — Brent Ward is leaving his post as senior vice president for Huntsman Chemical Corp. to prepare a bid for the U.S. Senate.

The former U.S. attorney for Utah stopped short of announcing his candidacy for the seat being vacated by Sen. Jake Garn but said he will make his formal announcement soon.

"I will announce soon, but I thought today I needed to give a reason why I'm leaving this safe environment," he said.

Ward left his post as U.S. attorney in February 1989 and went to work for the company headed by Utah industrialist Jon Huntsman. He has been senior vice president, general counsel and chief administrative officer for the firm.

Ward said his experiences with Huntsman have prepared him for his bid.

"I have learned a great deal about running a lean and efficient operation and how a vision for the future can be translated into reality," he said.

Ward was surrounded by packing boxes containing the contents of his office and said he would leave his job immediately.

Cicippio in good condition, doctors say

WIESBADEN, Germany — Joseph Cicippio awoke today as a free man for the first time in more than five years; he had breakfast with his wife and began tests to determine whether his health was damaged as a hostage in Lebanon.

Doctors at the U.S. military hospital in Wiesbaden said he seemed in generally good shape.

A statement by the U.S. military said "doctors will continue with Mr. Cicippio's medical evaluation."

At a news conference Monday in Syria, Cicippio, 61, disclosed he had recently undergone emergency surgery for a stomach ailment at a hospital.

News of the operation concerned U.S. officials, who said initially that Cicippio might be flown immediately back to the United States for special care.

However, Navy Cmdr. John Woodhouse said early today that preliminary medical checks had uncovered nothing overly worrisome.

"After an initial examination, doctors say that he has no apparent urgent medical problems other than some needed dental work," Woodhouse said.

Cocaine found in Miami fence posts

MIAMI — Federal agents seized almost 12 tons of Colombian cocaine they said was hidden inside concrete fence posts. It was the second largest cocaine seizure in U.S. history, officials said.

The posts were shipped from TRANCA C.A., a company in Venezuela, to TRANCA Inc., a Miami fence post company, federal agents said Monday.

"Before they started bringing this in the country they established a corporation to do business as usual," said U.S. Customs' special agent William P. Rosenblatt.

Eleven people were arrested in Texas and Venezuela, authorities said.

Information obtained during two busts in Texas led Customs and Drug Enforcement Administration agents to a pair of warehouses minutes from the agencies' Miami offices.

On Nov. 26, they began breaking open the concrete and found 23,641 pounds of cocaine, about six kilograms per post. A kilogram equals 2.2 pounds.

Replacing the seized cocaine would cost traffickers an estimated \$48 million.

French disagree with Disney dress code

PARIS — A government agency filed a complaint over Euro-Disneyland's employee dress code, contending that bans on beards, mustaches and colored hosiery may violate France's work code, newspapers reported Tuesday.

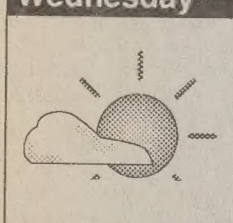

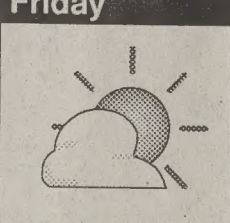
Police in Vincennes, in the Val de Marne district where Euro-Disneyland is located, have opened a preliminary investigation based on the complaint, filed last week by the Work Inspection Agency.

The dress code has been a source of controversy since Euro-Disneyland, which will open to the public in April, began hiring employees early this year.

The dress code, outlined in an internal document to be signed by all new employees, provides a list of "dos" and "don'ts" that critics say represents an attack on personal liberties. "One of the conditions of your employment consists of maintaining a weight in harmony with your height," the code says.

It outlaws beards and mustaches for men and eyeliner, eyeshadow, false eyelashes, colored stockings and certain heel heights for women. It specifies the type of jewelry permitted and says underclothing should be "appropriate."

THREE-DAY WASATCH FORECAST

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		
FAIR Warming trend. Highs in mid 40's. Lows in high 20's.	PARTLY CLOUDY Highs in mid 40's. Lows in high 20's. Scattered showers.	FAIR TO PARTLY CLOUDY Highs in high 40's. Lows in high 20's.

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Thought of the Day:

"But, behold, all nations, kindreds, tongues, and people shall dwell safely in the Holy One of Israel if it so be that they will repent."

—2 Nephi 1:28

Smith attacks woman's \$40,000 story

Associated Press

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. — A friend of William Kennedy Smith's accuser testified Tuesday that she rushed to the Kennedy estate in response to a cry for help and found the woman disheveled, shaking and crying hysterically.

The testimony of Anne Mercer came under sharp attack by Smith's lawyer because she accepted \$40,000 to tell her story to a tabloid TV show. Attorney Roy Black suggested she tailored her story to intrigue TV producers after "You realized you could cash in on the Kennedy name."

"No, I did not," she said adamantly.

Also Tuesday, the prosecution said it would call Smith's uncle, Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, as a witness, and accused the defense of trying to orchestrate the senator's testimony.

Mercer, 33, who had gone out on the town with Smith's accuser on Good Friday night, said she saw the woman leave a disco with Smith at about 3 a.m. At about 4:15 a.m., she said, she received a call from the woman, who was hysterical.

Renovation, construction to revamp Provo center

ByCRYSTAL PHELPS
Universe Staff Writer

Millions of dollars were designated toward the Provo City Affordable Housing Plan at the Provo City Redevelopment Agency meeting Tuesday night.

A total of \$3 million from Provo City and several banks will be used to set up affordable loan packages for future home owners.

"We expect a lot of new construction to take place in the downtown area where most of the new homes will be built," Mayor Joseph A. Jenkins said.

It is expected that most of the new homes will be built in the downtown area to help revitalize the area.

Most of the homes that will be built will be twin homes.

"A few single homes will be built, but not nearly as many as the twin homes," Jenkins said.

Provo City also announced at the meeting that Cathco Inc., a develop-

ment firm from Hawaii, will spend approximately \$4 million to renovate the downtown area.

Provo City will also spend \$1 million on a new parking structure for the redevelopment project.

"We have been talking about this redevelopment plan for a few months, so the city council has already appropriated the funds for the construction," Jenkins said.

Jenkins wanted the public to know that the money was already in the budget, and it was designated for the parking structure.

The council did not take the money from any programs already designated in the budget.

Cathco Inc. has already spent \$2 million buying downtown property from 57 owners.

The company expects to spend \$2 million more on renovation.

Cathco expects construction on the new town square to begin in March 1992 and it will be completed around Thanksgiving next year.

Orem council adopts 'America 2000' plan

ByJENNY MOULTON
Universe Staff Writer

The Orem City Council adopted a new education strategy for the city and approved a boundary adjustment between Orem and Provo during the city council meeting Tuesday night.

"America 2000" is the name of the education strategy adopted by the city. According to Doyle Buckwalter, spokesman for the program, the strategy consists of a comprehensive plan to move communities in America toward certain national education goals. The plan has six main goals which include increasing the city's graduation percentage, increasing competency in school subjects, achieving a higher literacy rate, and working toward schools free of drugs and violence.

Council member Kelvin Clayton said Orem is already a forerunner in implementing this type of education. "This strategy measures well with what we're doing now as a city."

The approval of this plan will allow the city to apply to the Governor of Utah for "America 2000" recognition. City manager Daryl Berlin said after acceptance, one school from each Congressional District can qualify for

up to \$1 million to use to establish the outlined goals.

"It's an exciting program that has real merit for the city," Clayton said.

In other city business, a minor boundary adjustment at various locations between University Parkway and Utah Lake was approved by the council. Both Orem and Provo have been working on the proposal for two years and all parties, including the property owners in the area, were in favor of the adjustments.

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— Anne Mercer,
a friend of William Kennedy
Smith's accuser

"What did she say to you?" asked prosecutor Moira Lasch.

"That she had been raped. She asked me to come and pick her up. She said she was at the Kennedy estate," Mercer said.

When she arrived, she said, the woman was standing at the top of an outdoor staircase.

"She was literally shaking and she looked messed up," said Mercer. "Her makeup was running. She was hysterical crying. She said she had been raped. She asked me to get her shoes. She kept repeating over and over again, 'Where are my shoes?'"

Mercer said she went inside the Kennedy house to look for the shoes and encountered Smith in the dark. He looked disheveled also, she said.

"I said to him, 'How could you do this to me a friend? Where are her shoes?' Mercer said.

"How did he respond?" asked Lasch.

"No response. Just a shrug," she said.

In a hostile cross-examination, Black sarcastically asked, "You went in the house where the rapist was?"

"I guess you could say that," said Mercer.

"You walked into a dark room with a man who was an alleged rapist?" he asked, following with rapid fire questions to which she answered flatly "right."

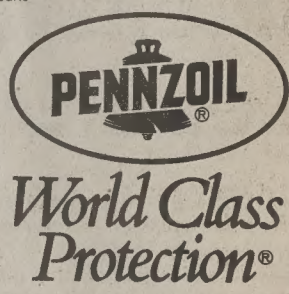
He also elicited her acknowledgment that she told Smith she was sorry they had to meet under these circumstances.

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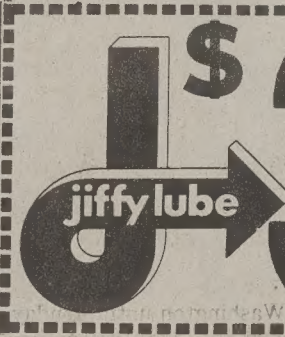
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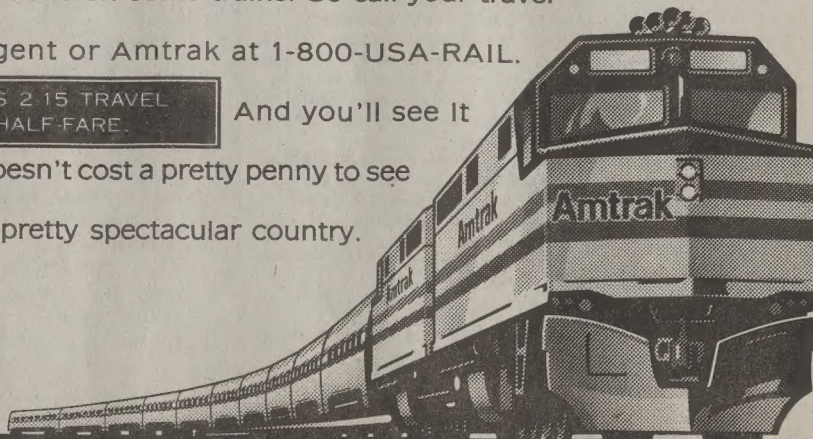
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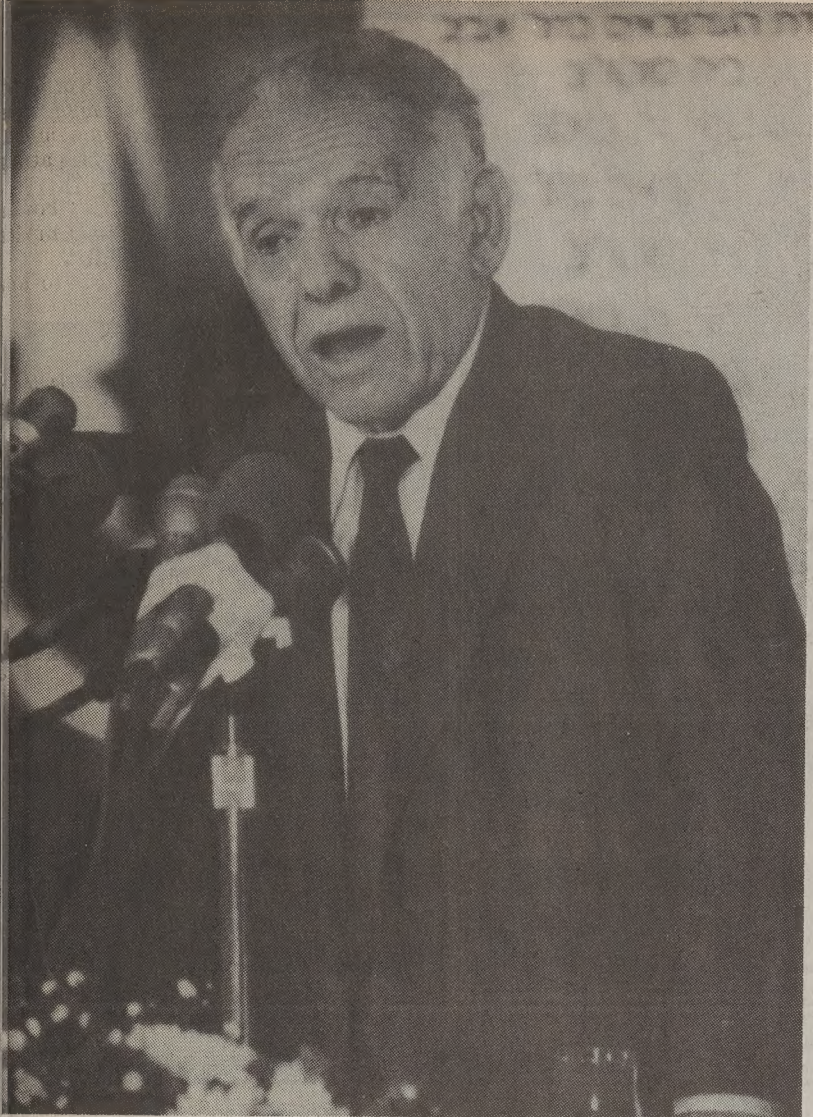
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Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir speaks at a news conference in Tel Aviv Nov. 29. The Israeli Cabinet has said its negotiators will not be ready for peace talks until Dec. 9.

Mideast peace talks to open despite Israeli resistance

WASHINGTON — New Mideast peace talks Tuesday headed toward an uncertain opening round with Israel still insisting on a delay and prospects of Arab negotiators counting an empty Israeli chair.

U.S. Secretary of State James A. Baker said he arranged for the talks to open Wednesday at 10 a.m. even if Israel failed to show up.

Delegations from Syria, Lebanon and Jordan joined with Palestinians challenging the Israelis to attend, but the Israeli Cabinet decided Sunday its negotiators needed until Monday to prepare to deal with the Arabs on their terms.

Israel also wants to stagger the talks so that there would be an interlude between its negotiations with the Arab delegations.

That, too, was rejected in the Bush administration's arrangements.

"We were invited to come for bilateral talks for the 4th in Washington," said Hanan Ashrawi, spokeswoman for the Palestinian delegation. "We don't see not going to sit around twiddling thumbs."

Ashrawi said the Palestinians can't give any promises they will be here on Dec. 9, when Israel would say it will appear.

That day, she said, comes a day after the fourth anniversary of the start of the "intifadeh" Palestinian uprising in the occupied territories, and her group had other commitments.

"If we face an empty chair across the peace table, the responsibility will be squarely on Israel," said Abdul Majid Majali, head of the Jordanian delegation.

Israeli officials said Israel is proposing to start the talks with the Palestinians, to be followed four or five days later by meetings with the Syrians. The State Department arrangements are for simultaneous talks.

Benjamin Netanyahu, a close aide

Provo Red Cross seeks volunteers

Case workers trained to provide information and counsel

By EARNEST PHILLIPS II
Universe Staff Writer

The Red Cross Disaster Program needs volunteers who are willing to be trained to carry out Red Cross disaster services.

"The American Red Cross responds to disasters with food, clothing, shelter, etc. We train volunteers and the volunteers carry out the services, such as setting up shelters, interviewing families and getting information and learning how to run shelters in general," said Holly Grow, director of emergency services.

"What we want people to know is that the Red Cross is almost synonymous with volunteers. We need volunteers constantly," Grow said.

The Red Cross is also conducting training for volunteers who are interested in serving as utility assistance

case workers.

Volunteers will interview individuals who need help paying their utility bills, according to a United Way news release.

"Volunteers are responsible for interviewing clients, giving some budget counseling and screening the applicants to determine eligibility," Grow said.

After completing the training, volunteer case workers will receive additional on-the-job training from a supervisor as they interview their first client. "I would prefer students with case work experience," Grow said.

When disasters occur, the American Red Cross provides immediate relief by helping supply emergency shelter, meals and first aid.

The Red Cross works with families to identify disaster-caused needs, helps develop an immediate plan and

provides families with the following basic necessities:

- * rent or temporary repairs to homes to enable residents to move back in.
- * needed household items.
- * groceries and new clothes.
- * medical, nursing and hospital expenses related to the disaster.
- * job supplies needed to allow people to work.

The Red Cross also works with families to help them find the help they need.

Families are referred to the gov-

ernment and other agencies that can help in recovery.

If these resources are exhausted, the Red Cross continues to help families return to a normal lifestyle.

Volunteers must be able to work one three-hour shift each week from January to March.

Shifts are from 9 a.m. to noon and from noon to 3 p.m., Monday through Friday at the Provo Red Cross.

Any student interested in volunteering can call the United Way at 374-8108 or the Red Cross at 373-8580.

Organist leaves Tabernacle to host at Jerusalem Center

By RICHARD B. CARRINGTON
Universe Staff Writer

Robert Cundick, the Mormon Tabernacle Choir's veteran organist, has retired after performing for more than a quarter of a century.

In his new assignment, Cundick and his wife, Charlotte, will serve as directors of hosting at the BYU Jerusalem Center for Near Eastern Studies starting today.

During his 18-month assignment in hosting, Cundick will also give organ recitals and continue his work as a composer.

John Longhurst has filled the position of senior Tabernacle organist.

"(Cundick is) a very quiet person generally, but very tenacious and single-minded when he gets involved in a project," said Jerold Ottley, director of the Mormon Tabernacle Choir.

Appointed Tabernacle organist in 1965, Cundick has been actively involved in the music program of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints for over 25 years.

His years of service have included organ recitals on Temple Square in Salt Lake City, accompanying the weekly broadcasts of the Mormon Tabernacle Choir from Salt Lake City as well as their concert tours in the United States and abroad.

He has also arranged and composed music and hosted visitors of the Tabernacle organ.

Cundick worked closely with the renovation of the organ in the Tabernacle, Ottley said.

Prior to his appointment as the Tabernacle organist, Cundick started his career as church organist in Sandy, his hometown, at age 12, and he later served as an organist at the

Church's Hyde Park chapel in London.

Cundick also taught at BYU and the University of Utah, where he received a doctorate in Music.

Alexander Schreiner, the late American organ virtuoso who also served as Tabernacle organist for many years, was Cundick's principal teacher.

The number of Cundick's works for organ, choir, orchestra and chamber ensembles add up to well over 100, according to a press release.

Cundick was honored with the S. Lewis Elmer Award from the American Guild of Organists in 1970 and 1971.

Ottley said Cundick's work "was a passion."

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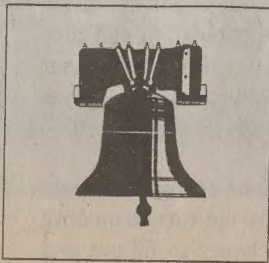
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OPINION

Registration woes extend school stay

Monday's Salt Lake Tribune reported that BYU students are taking longer to graduate than their counterparts did in 1975. The article quotes students and administrators, cites national and BYU statistics in an attempt to figure out why it takes BYU students an average of 11.9 semesters to graduate. This figure does not include any time off for work, travel, missions or military service.

The 14 hour religion credit, changing majors and the fact that students only average 13.3 credit hours a semester were some of the reasons cited by the article for the longer stay in college for BYU students.

The article even quoted one source who said some students who extend their stay at BYU are "professional singles" — those staying around because they have a better chance at altering their marital status here than anywhere else.

Unfortunately, the article failed to recognize something else that gets students bogged down in the system and extends their stay at the university.

The problem is getting into the required classes, and right now, as students try to work out their schedules and register for next semester, many are hanging up the phone frustrated instead of closer to graduation.

For many, graduation is dependent upon getting in the class, not necessarily passing.

Often students who can't get into a required class are forced to put back graduation a semester — sometimes longer when the class isn't offered every semester, and the administration has done little to make it easier for those ready to graduate to get out.

Some teachers, however, have tried to help the problem by giving preference to seniors who are trying to add the class.

Despite their efforts, there are definite inequities in the registration system. Honors students, regardless of class standing, get the first shot at registering, while transfer students and re-entry students are some of the last.

The administration is concerned that students are spending too much time in school and clogging up the system, denying space for incoming freshman. But the administration should act upon those concerns and make changes in the registration process, so those who are trying to get out can do it as quickly as possible.

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Common myths cloud Wilderness issues

Much of Utah is debating the issue of preserving certain Utah lands as wilderness. The principle argument between the differing factions concerns the amount of land that should be proposed to Congress for wilderness designation. Of the total 54.3 million acres of Utah land only 802,000, a mere 1.5 percent of the state's land area, are protected today by the National Wilderness Preservation System.

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The Bureau of Land Management has suggested in a recent proposal that Congress authorize an additional 1.9 million acres as wilderness and Representative Jim Hansen has proposed a bill that would designate 1.4 million acres. More pro-wilderness groups like the Utah Wilderness Coalitions have suggested that a minimum of 5.7 million additional acres of Utah land are worthy of wilderness designation.

Representative Wayne Owens has initiated a bill to Congress which, if passed, would also designate 5.7 million acres of federally owned land in Utah as wilderness.

Much of the dispute over Utah wilderness exist because many are unaware of the true meaning of wilderness and are misled by popular myths about wilderness designation.

Protecting land a wilderness is done to assure that some lands remain in their natural condition free from increasing population, expanding settlements and growing mechanization. The Congressional Wilderness Act of 1964 state that in wilderness areas "the earth and its community of life are untrammeled by man, where man is a visitor who does not remain."

Those who initiated the original Wilderness Act of 1964 recognized that unless certain areas were set aside and protected they would not be available for future generations to experience and enjoy.

Ultimately those who represent the people of Utah will decide how much of Utah's land is worthy of preservation and concerned and properly informed public can influence the outcome of this debate. Unfortunately, several myths continue to mislead many concerning the issue of wilderness designation.

Myth #1: Only a small minority uses wilderness areas. In 1980 the BLM cited 2.3 million visitors to BLM lands for hiking or backpacking use.

Furthermore, Utah has gained a nationwide recreational following. In Idaho, Washington and Oregon, use of wilderness is increasing at a rate of more than 10 percent per year. Utah will inevitably follow suit.

Myth #2: Wilderness represents a single use of public land that "locks out" other uses. The truth is that wilderness is a key part of the multiple use concept. Wilderness is open to hunters, fishers, walkers, horsepackers, guides, outfitters, scientists and even to mining and livestock grazing.

Wilderness areas also provide sources of clean water for farms, ranches, cities and recreational areas. The real "lock up" occurs when unregulated and unrestricted logging, mining and motorized vehicle use monopolize public land for the economic benefit of a few.

Myth #3: By protecting wilderness Utah's economy will be seriously drained and opportunities for employment will diminish. Most of the areas in question are of little interest to miners and of no interest to loggers.

The share of total state employment attributed to energy and mineral firms makes up only one percent of total Utah employment.

Wilderness related business generates more than \$5.7 billion a year nationwide. Designating more wilderness in Utah will increase recreation based employment and sales of books, photographs, backpacking and camping equipment will actually contribute strongly to the economy.

Myth #4: Some individuals claim that wilderness caters to an "elitist" group, that its areas are merely playgrounds for the affluent, the leisure class or the physically fit. Use of wilderness is a matter of choice not income. A wilderness visit is one of the least expensive recreational activities.

A Forest Service study in the Mission Mountain Wilderness in Montana shows that at least half of the use consisted of one-day trips by people with relatively low incomes.

Myth #5: Wilderness designation permits the spread of insect pests and disease and prevents effective forest fire control. Insects, disease and fires are part of a natural ecosystem and often play important roles in clean-up and growth.

Even so, under the Wilderness Act, managing agencies may take necessary measures to control insect infestation, disease and fire.

If anything, the designation of wilderness protects and controls these lands better than before.

Carl van Gils
Redlands, Calif.



READERS' FORUM

The Daily Universe gladly accepts letters to the editor. All letters must be typed, double-spaced and are not to exceed one page. Name, Social Security Number, local telephone number and hometown must accompany all letters. The Daily Universe reserves the right to edit letters for clarity and space.

Positive response

To the Editor:

I think it is time for The Universe to publish a positive response to the recent political action of the club VOICE. Although the irony of the announced curfew was not particularly obscure, many seem to have had trouble grasping it. To me, as a male, it suggests "walk a mile in my shoes. Try to look at the world, if only for a moment, through the eyes of a woman. If you are angry at the thought that your freedom be limited by a regulation, requiring you to walk accompanied by women after dark, think how I must feel when society lays a similar restriction on me as a life sentence. 365 days a year. Even in Provo, with one of lowest crime rates in the nation, I am not safe outside my own home. What are we, as both men and women, going to do about this?" At least this is part of what I heard from Voice.

Of course this action is no panacea. It is only one small contribution to making the world a better place for all of us. At the very least it has drawn international attention to one of the gravest problems facing our society. If others think different tactics are more effective, they are free to try them. Meanwhile, can we please stop shouting our complaints about "uppity girls" long enough to listen to a new voice, if only for a moment?

William S. Davis

Department of Germanic
and Slavic Languages

Short-sighted

To the Editor:

I will be surprised if my letter is the only one The Universe receives in response to Stuart Jensen's "The What and Why of Multiculturalism." His response was so amazingly short-sighted that I was not even sure if I should take it seriously. But in case he was serious, I would like to address several of his points.

Jensen paralleled the athletics and academia because "competition is the American way...[the] superior way." Competition is not the only purpose for higher education. In the BYU mission statement it states that the "mission of Brigham Young University...is to assist individuals in their quest for perfection and eternal life." BYU is to achieve this by encouraging "a loving, genuine concern for the welfare of our neighbor," and helping students "understand important ideas in their own cultural tradition as well as that of others." A general education is founded on these and other principles. Then "in addition to a strong general education," students should receive specialized instruction so that they are "capable of competing with the best in their fields." So the university should prepare and encourage people to compete along with increasing students' awareness of others. If one is interested in only gaining a competitive skill, go to a technical school. But even those who only come to the university to get a competitive degree should realize that in today's global society those who will fare the best will be those who can relate to people of various backgrounds.

Jensen also complains that promoting cultural diversity is simply a "thinly veiled attempt to exalt the disenfranchised, marginal and mediocre elements of society to new levels of power." First of all, "disenfranchised" is not synonymous with "mediocre." Jensen seems to discount the fact that people may not be responsible for the conditions into which they were born. In fact, he says that "if one is dissatisfied with the performance of one's culture, one is free to reshape that culture." Does that mean that the child born to a single mother can create a father for himself

to replace the one that abandoned his mother? Or does it mean that the inner-city black who is refused a job because of his dialect can "reshape" a prospective employer? Last month's forum featuring Dr. William Wilson from the University of Chicago was a clear message that these disenfranchised cannot reshape their society. Reshaping implies power which the disenfranchised do not have.

The disenfranchised became that way when a more powerful culture did not think, to use Jensen's words, "that it was meaningless to say that one culture is, 'superior' to another." Whites were clearly superior. American slaves did not "create [their] culture to suit themselves." And minorities still suffer repercussions from that culture.

Speaking specifically of Provo, Jensen says that "it would not be reasonable to bring other cultures to Provo unless Provo residents preferred the social conditions created by these other cultures." We are talking here about BYU which is not dominated by Provo residents and which is funded by the Church, not Provo. Also, carefully selecting "preferable social conditions" means that whoever is doing the selecting is simply perpetuating their own culture by inviting agreeable people in. What happens when a disagreeable culture arrives on the scene? Do residents don white sheets? The problem with "preferable culture" is that it usually does not take the time to listen to others who are not "preferable." How does one know what other societies have to offer if one never listens to those of other societies? Let's try to remember our own ignorance and be willing to learn from others.

Tennery Taylor Norton
Yardley, Penn.

Bobsy Twins

To the Editor:

Hey, I've been wondering if Scott Woodward and Cory Teuscher are two names for the same person. If not, can either of these two guys do anything on his own?

Steve Cannon
Las Vegas

Registration woes

To the Editor:

If you, like me, do not live in Provo, you have probably run into the same registration problem I have. It seems the high and mighty registration office has developed a system which discriminates against any student feigning to live out of Provo city limits. Their practice of mailing out intent to register forms on a first get, first served basis, and then calling it a completely fair and equal system is an awful sick joke. To add to the inconsistency, they do not mail all the forms at the same time. They go in four batches. The first batch is sent to God's few chosen students, known as Honors Students. The only feasible explanation is that the registration office received tablets from Mt. Sinai stating that registration of these students must proceed before the registration of any other God's children. The other three batches are sent out in no particular order, however there is a distinct advantage to students living inside Provo boundaries. This means if you live in Provo and your name starts with "C" you're in luck. Even if you are a freshman, you can go to whatever class your heart desires. However if your name starts with "J" and you live in American Fork by the time you get your intent to register form and get it back to the registration office, you are out of luck because the entire population of Provo has had a chance to register. Any classes that are difficult to get into, you can kiss goodbye, even if you are a senior and you need them to graduate.

Is it too much to ask for a change? It would be fair if the phones were not turned on until all who wanted had a chance to fill out and return their intent to register form. The

phones could then be turned on at a set of time, say 1 a.m., and only allow a limited amount of calls, so as not to flood the Provo phone system. How about allowing senior register first? It seems fair, however, not the registration office. You see, they feel way they are doing it now is inspired or least set in granite under the Brigham Young statue in front of the registration building ask for a change was paramount to b phemy.

I was told if I ever wished to register the classes I needed to graduate, I should purchase a BYU post office box. Even after much fasting and prayer, I still have trouble receiving a spiritual witness of the registration system. However, this may be my fault because I might be spiritually unclear seeing that I am not an Honors student, and do not live in Provo.

Jodie J. Johnson
Prescott, Ariz.

Class president?

To the Editor:

It has recently come to my attention that the president of the Student Alumni Association is declaring himself or herself as president of the 1992 graduating class. A member of that class, I would appreciate if he or she would contact me and the other graduating in '92 for our consent.

It doesn't matter to me what the presidents in this matter are, for one person to foist himself or herself upon the rest of us is wrong. Either be our president by consent or let's have no president.

John M. Armstrong
Farmingdale, N.Y.

ESL school

To the Editor:

To all those who criticized my view through this newspaper I have three things to say.

First, as a former ESL director I have never made use of a public forum to demand anyone in my staff. Speaking in private has always brought me much better results.

Second, I regret the error of my statistical data despite the low margin of error. Nevertheless, I still think that a 42 percent of LDS students at the ELC/BYU is a very high margin when there are so many LDS students trying to get into that institution. So I tried to rationalize by saying that the ELC is based on the world economy and should be treated as a regular business. I couldn't agree more.

The ELC uses BYU facilities and the age of the institution along with the teachers that are trained at BYU. All of these are funded by tithing from members around the world. I feel that the ELC has a moral obligation to train LDS international students enter BYU. As a Christian institution I expect a match between a preached and practiced philosophy.

Third, as a teacher and educator I feel it my duty to create awareness in my students regarding social injustices. I will always teach them how to seek for truth, for truth should prevail, and I have never, and I never allow anyone to intimidate me in pursuit for more justice.

I also want to say that I never meant to imply that the BYU/ELC offers a better program than the Provo Community School have never taught at the ELC, and I know very little about their curriculum to form a sort of judgment.

I know that the faculty at Provo Community School is formed by a very fine cadre of teachers that I have enjoyed working with them have taught in other very fine ESL institutions in the world, and I am proud to include the Provo Community School in my curriculum vitae.

Glauco L. Ortola
Provo, Utah

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SHANE OSGUTHORPE
Verse Staff Writer

Harris Fine Arts Center gallery
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Monday.
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to find the drawing valued at
\$100.
have been here for over 10 years
this is the first reported theft I
of. Vandalism has always been a
them, but never theft," Vincent
ncent said building security pa-
the area at night, but because
area is so big, it is difficult to
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Christmas' events er service projects students, faculty

NN MARIE JENNINGS
Verse Staff Writer

order to get students into the
tmas spirit and to give them a
during the last weeks of school,
SA is sponsoring "Y Christ-
mas"
rious Christmas events will be
ided each day until Dec. 12.
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elve Days of Christmas," said Liz
rner, associate vice president of
ramming.
o activities are planned for Dec. 8
22, since one is a Sunday and
r is a reading day.
YUSA encourages students to
service on their own these two
Gardner said.
st year, "Y Christmas" was held
two days for several hours, but
rner said attendance was low be-
e students had classes and other
ivities.
his year the event is being spread
several days and only during
hours so more students might
le to attend.
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ld like students to donate food
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CESS and BYUSA will sponsor
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Center gives tips on writing papers

By JENNIFER REX
Universe Staff Writer

With the end of the semester approaching, many students will be writing final papers. Some may wonder if there is any help to be had.

There is a free tutorial service offered by the Writing Center in the Jesse Knight Humanities Building.

Any student desiring help with a paper can come to this center, coordinator William Shakespeare said. "You don't have to be in an English class," he said.

Carol Hicks, 20, a senior from Tucson, Ariz., majoring in English is a tutor at the writing center. She said students can get help in anything from finding a topic or getting a thesis statement to analyzing the writing and organizing a paper. Shakespeare said the tutors are available to discuss the strengths and weaknesses of a student's paper.

"We offer friendly, constructive criticism," he said.

Shakespeare said the best thing for a student to do first is find out as much as they can about the teacher's expectations for the paper.

Hicks said, "If the student goes to the teacher and finds out what is ex-

pected, it makes our job easier."

However, students should not expect the tutors to just go through and correct spelling and punctuation mistakes, Shakespeare said.

Joan Webb, 21, a senior from Idaho Falls, Idaho, majoring in secondary education, said, "A lot of people come in expecting an editing job, and that's not what we do." The tutors help with expressing ideas in

the paper and with mechanical things such as transitions.

"We aren't editors, we're tutors," Webb said.

When should a student go to the Writing Center for help? It is important to bring it in with enough time before it is due to make the necessary revisions, Shakespeare said. "Some students come in an hour before their paper is due," Webb said. "They need to come in earlier."

Since it is almost the end of the semester, the center is very busy during the day, Shakespeare said it would be wise to try to come in the early morning or in the evening when the center is less crowded.

Hicks said the Morris and Cannon Centers have writing labs open in the evening and suggests that residents take advantage of help there.

Jewish customs light Hanukkah celebration

By MICHELE EDGLEY
Universe Staff Writer

The eight days of candle lighting in celebration of Hanukkah have begun for those practicing the Jewish faith.

"Hanukkah is not the Jewish equivalent of Christmas, though their dates are similar," said Itzhak Harpaz, a professor of behavioral science. Hanukkah commemorates miracles in Jewish culture.

Harpaz was raised in the Jewish faith. He and his wife keep many of the traditional customs. "Hanukkah is also called the holiday of the lights. We light the Menorah and many other candles. We make the traditional foods which are like potato pancakes and jelly-filled doughnuts," Harpaz added.

"We also give little gifts to our children each day of Hanukkah. Children play with toy tops called dreidels, which are marked with the words, 'a miracle happened there,' and the winner of the game wins money, but it's small change. We sing and there are blessings.

"It doesn't bother me to not have work off because of the holiday, universities in Israel also have to work during Hanukkah," Harpaz said.

Lisa Molling's husband's headstone has a star of David on one side and the Angel Moroni on the other. It reads "Judaism is the Foundation, Mormonism is the Continuation."

Molling is Jewish and a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. She says Mormonism builds on the foundation of the Old Testament. "In Judaism, we have the Aaronic Priesthood and the temple, but Mormonism offered a continuation to all the things I had been taught before."

Molling said she has told other converts, "I feel that converts can really struggle to fit in and to put all their beliefs together. It was hard to learn about Christ, but Jewish hearts are softening toward Jesus. Jews now consider him at least a teacher of the gospel, where before there was dislike toward his teachings," Molling said.

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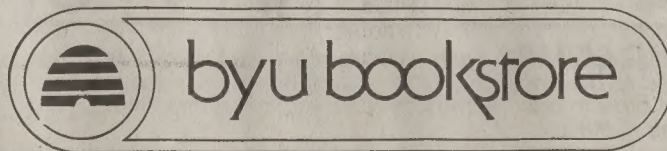
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LIFESTYLE

Law, humbug — BYU law professor portrays Scrooge

By NOEL DAWN SHAW
Universe Staff Writer

Law students may have a dickens of a time getting good grades this semester from a "scrooge" professor.

BYU law professor Richard G. Wilkins will portray Ebenezer Scrooge in the Hale Center Theater's production of Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol." It will run through Dec. 23.

Wilkins has been involved in the theater's production for seven years. This season's production is even more exciting and spectacular for Wilkins — not only is he an actor, but he is also the director.

Seeing a law professor act as Scrooge adds a new dimension to his character, his talents and his life. Students from his law classes and various law school faculty and staff attended the opening night of the play.

One law student commented, "It's funny to see him this way, and it's hard to think that in a couple of weeks he will be grading my paper." Wilkins' interest in acting began when he was seven. He acted in "Five On a Honeymoon" and has subsequently acted in over 20 productions at the Hale Theater.

Wilkins' love for "The Christmas Carol" began when he read the story in third grade. He first liked the story because it seemed "real scary."

When he was 12 years old he portrayed Peter Cratchit in a production staged at the Pioneer Memorial Theater.

At 15 he portrayed Ebenezer Scrooge in Butler Jr. High's produc-

tion "The Stingiest Man in Town."

Wilkins said each time he reads or performs his most beloved role as Scrooge, he learns and appreciates more about the old skin flint and his miraculous transformation.

In fact, Wilkins, wrote another view of Scrooge's character: "The appeal of 'A Christmas Carol' lies in its universality: we are all Ebenezer Scrooge. As Scrooge visits his past ... we are invited to recall our own hurts ... our own lost priorities.

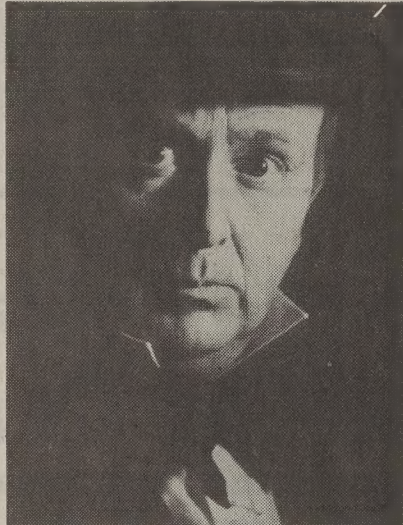
"In the present, Scrooge learns, as do we, that life is not so much about having as choosing.

Scrooge, who has everything but happiness, chooses to deny himself the comfort of friends and family.

"Finally, in the dismal future, Scrooge sees the consequences of a lifetime of choices. But Dickens does not leave Scrooge — or us — lamenting in a barren graveyard. 'A Christmas Carol' is, after all, a song of redemption. Scrooge's resolution to live in the past, present and future, along with his pledge to 'honor Christmas in my heart and try to keep it all the year,' has the power to redeem not only Ebenezer, but all those who sincerely take the same vow.

"That is the power and appeal of 'A Christmas Carol.' It teaches that we can reconcile our past, invigorate our present, and insure our own — and humanity's — future by a simple change of heart."

Tickets may be obtained by calling 484-9257. Hale Center Theater is located on 2801 S. Main St. in Salt Lake City.



RICHARD G. WILKINS

Student and faculty art to go on sale

By SUZANNE D. LEE
Universe Staff Writer

A special art sale at BYU this week will give students the opportunity to purchase works of their favorite faculty and student artists.

The student art sale will be on the south side of the third floor of the Harris Fine Arts Center today through Dec. 6.

The sale is sponsored by the BYU Art History Association with proceeds going mostly to support the contributing artists, but the funds will also go toward supporting the Art History Association.

Rita Elking, chair of the art sale and member of the Art History Association, said in past years the sale has been extremely successful and is the big event of the year for the association.

The sale is organized by the association, and its members actively participate in making sure the sale runs

smoothly.

Elking said submissions to the sale are open to any original art that is produced by BYU faculty or student artists.

She said the majority of the works are by students in the BYU Art Department, but submissions to the sale are not limited to them.

Elking said as chair of the event she has received many ceramics, sculptures, prints, oil paintings and water colors for this year's sale.

She also said there are some wonderful prints made by the intaglio and

wood block print-making processes available at the sale.

Elking said the prices will be from \$5 to \$275, but most will be in the lower price range.

Art sale hours are from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

BYU student Andrea Chipman, 20, a sophomore in business from Miami, Fla., said she is looking forward to the sale.

Chipman said, "When I first heard about the sale from my roommate who is an art history major, I was really excited.

"I have had my eye on a lot of artists from their works being exhibited in the HFAC and hopefully I'll be able to afford some art; hopefully a sculpture or something," Chipman said.

Elking said she has a large list of people who plan on participating in the sale, including students Mark Pollei and Kurt Brown.

Elking said she thinks the sale will be a success and urges anyone who is interested to stop by the south side of the HFAC and look at what the sale has to offer.

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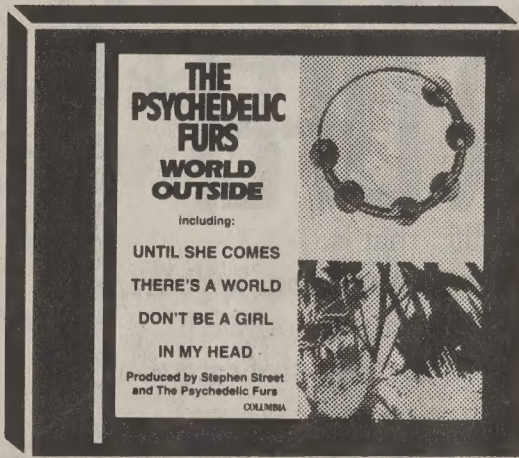
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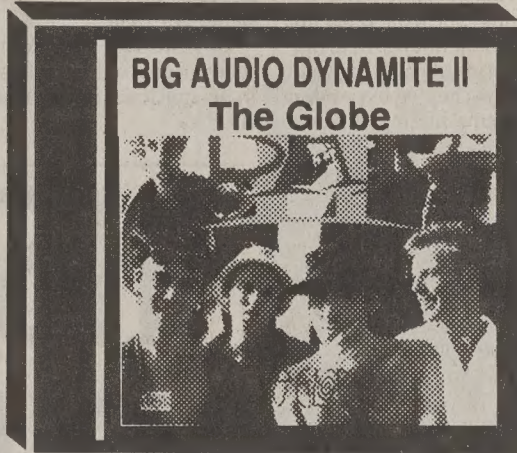
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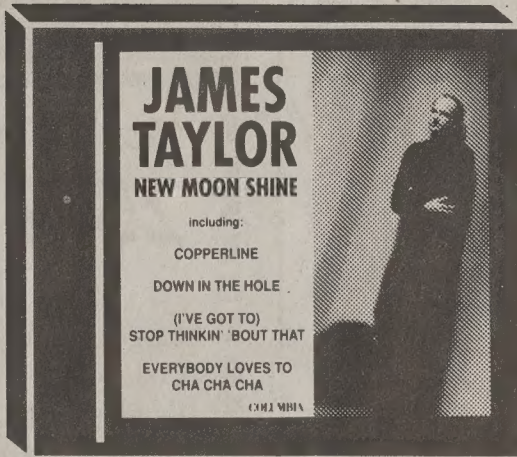
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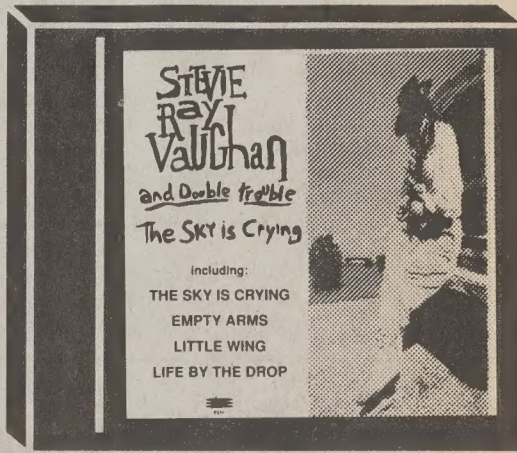
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SPORTS

A lot of good coming from injury Simmons recovering with hard work and good attitude

By SHELENE COCKRELL
Universe Sports Writer

Sometimes, when a tragedy happens, the results are not always negative. The paralyzing injury which Harry Simmons suffered in October has physically impaired him, but the entire Simmons family feels that a lot of good has come from the situation despite the circumstances.

Simmons, a 22-year-old junior majoring in horticulture from Lake Charles, La., was a first-year team member on the BYU rugby team. During one of the team's games against the Colorado School of Mines on Oct. 19, Simmons was pushed to the ground while other players landed on top of him.

Simmons said, "It was a kickoff and then it became a loose maul (a loose maul resembles diving on a loose ball in American football). I was rolled backwards, and I landed on my shoulders and neck with my hips in the air. That's when both teams went for the ball and I was just folded over is all that happened. It's really no one person's fault or no one team's fault — it just happened."

It was then when two of the cervical vertebrae in Simon's neck were subluxated causing the spinal cord to be stretched and bruised.

"I heard three sharp little pops, then my whole body from the neck down went numb. Two days later I started to get feeling to return in my right arm and in my shoulders, so it wasn't too bad. I never lost consciousness," Simmons said.

Simmons was taken to St. Anthony's Hospital in Denver, where he was placed in traction in order to straighten his neck before surgery.

He was released from the hospital on Nov. 4, and taken to Craig Rehabilitation Center in Denver, where he will remain for at least three more months.

Simmons feels his injury was somewhat of a freak accident, but he also values what has happened to him and

the influences it has made on his life.

"I was talking to a person here, who knew a girl who went off the coast to go swimming. She and her friends went out in a boat, about a quarter of a mile off the shore. She dove in and hit a sea turtle and broke her neck. I think my accident in rugby was about the same chance as that girl diving in and breaking her neck on a sea turtle.

"It's just something that happened, and I'm already growing from it. I know it sounds silly, but I wouldn't trade it for anything else. I've learned so much. I've learned a lot about myself and a lot about others. Even though it's really discouraging at times, I've never grown so much in my life," Simmons said.

He also does not regret playing rugby for any reason, and he places no blame whatsoever on the sport.

"I have no negative feelings at all. I think if I wasn't playing rugby I would have broken my neck doing something else. It could have happened anywhere at any time," Simmons said.

"I enjoyed the sport and I enjoyed the clean fun and especially the guys who played the game. It was great. The camaraderie between the guys is something that, even today, I could not neglect."

Right now, Simmons seems to be doing very well physically, and his progress can be seen.

Simmons said, "Things are going really well. Right now, I'm getting up and standing for 30 minutes a day in a machine that locks my knees and waist. I've been in the swimming pool for swimming therapy. I'm getting outside and going to museums and things in my (electric) wheelchair. I'm not able to walk or anything.

"I have feeling in my entire body. It's not the same — it's only light-touch feeling, but I can feel. It is an incomplete injury, so that means for as many as two to four years I can have it return.

"I'm moving my right arm and I'm moving my left arm a little bit — the

therapists say it will just take time to strengthen the muscles. My fingers aren't working as well, but my wrists and thumbs are starting to work."

Simmons' sister Suzanne, a 19-year-old sophomore majoring in comparative literature, said her brother is "getting better very quickly."

He's not only getting better, he's also learning a lot and becoming more aware.

"Harry said it's just made him realize there still are a lot of good people in the world. The blessings that have come from people praying and fasting have made us realize that people really do care — it's just been amazing," Suzanne said.

Harry said, "I'm meeting a lot of people who are in worse situations than I am, and I'm realizing how lucky I really am. It has kind of restored my faith in humanity in a way, because I've had so many people call and write, and even here in Denver, we've had more people visit us than we know what to do with."

Simmons' mother, Penny, has moved into an apartment which is located across the street from the rehabilitation center in Denver. Simmons' younger brother and sister are home with their father in Louisiana.

When asked about her son, Penny said, "He's pretty incredible. If he weren't my kid, I would still think he was."

"He's very up and very optimistic. He gets very tired because it's (the rehabilitation) extremely hard work."

Sheri Loosli, Simmons' cousin, said Penny is with him around the clock.

"They've really gotten close. This has really been interesting. It's a horrible thing, but a lot of good things have come out of it. It's touched a lot of lives in a positive way," Loosli said.

Loosli, who visited Simmons last weekend, said he had lost some weight, but thought he looked fantastic.

"The guy is chasing nurses around, trying to run them over. He's the

character of the whole floor," Loosli said.

"His spirits are really up. He's telling everybody that he's walking out of that place. The doctors are like, 'Ok,' but he says, 'I don't care what you say, I'm walking out of here,'" she added.

Suzanne said, "You can't look at it as, 'Oh, it's so hard', because that's just the way it is. We have to realize that this is the way it is, and it's going to be this way for a while, but it has to get better. We're trying to keep a very positive outlook on the whole thing."

"Please ask everyone to continue with the prayers and fasting and sending cards and letters — that's what he really needs. It's been about a month now, and people's lives go on. He kind of fades into the background, while he still has a very long haul to go."

Although Simmons may have a long way to go, he has come to realize "the human body is an incredible thing and the human will is astonishing."

Penny said, "There are so many incredible, ironic things connected with this whole thing. I'm keeping a journal and thought about really writing a book. It's so odd the blessings that come out of it and the good things that happen — you just can't believe that those things could happen."

"In our situation we've found a lot of things to be thankful for. At least Harry is still here."

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Several thousand Thrifty Car Rental Holiday Bowl tickets will go on sale to the general public Friday at 8 a.m. at the Marriott Center Ticket Office.

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stead of the previous restrictions of one per student and two per faculty member respectively.

"The students are guaranteed their allotment," said assistant athletic director Val Hale.

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It took two weeks before Bonilla agreed to wear the uniform. But finally, after a frenzied six-team negotiation, the Mets won the biggest bidding war in the history of U.S. team sports.

What is it going to be like in the future? Wade Boggs, Kirby Puckett, Cal Ripken and Ryne Sandberg are all entering the final seasons of multi-year contracts.

Ruben Sierra, Doug Drabek, Mark McGwire, Barry Larkin, Randy Myers, David Cone and Kal Daniels could be eligible for free agency unless they sign multiyear deals this winter.

"The guys you really want, I think you're going to get them done early," Chicago White Sox general manager Ron Schueler said Tuesday.

Bonilla said he would have resigned with Pittsburgh any time before the end of the season if the Pirates had offered \$18 million for four years.

Pittsburgh stayed at \$16.8 million until it was too late. And when it became a bidding war, the Pirates couldn't compete.

"They kept putting it off and putting it off. The Pirates really put me in a nice position," Bonilla said.

"It was a frustrating process with the Pirates. I leave with no hard feelings."

"The Mets did what they had to do," San Francisco Giants general manager Al Rosen said. "You have to do what you think is necessary to win. Winning is everything. Losing is nothing."

The top remaining names among this year's free agents are outfielder Danny Tartabull and pitchers Frank

Viola, Tom Candiotti, Mitch Williams and Alejandro Pena.

"Next year there will be another outstanding free agent who sets a new record," Rosen said. "We will keep on breaking records until my prediction of Armageddon will hit."

"There is no way clubs can continue to pay the salaries they're expending without some teams hitting financial difficulties."

New York has signed 10 players to 1992 contracts that total \$33,295,833.

"Teams should know which players are indispensable," said agent Tom Reich, who represents Sierra. "The guys who are perennial all-stars and aren't signed or traded, the clubs have no right to complain."

"They have had an ample time to figure out if he fits into their next long-term plan."

Drabek, Greg Swindell, Chuck Finley and John Smiley all will be eligible for free agency after the 1992 season. Randy Hendricks, their agent, said it pays for teams to sign them earlier rather than later.

"At the start of free agency, you had the original wave of free agents who came out and there was almost an Oklahoma land-rush mentality," Hendricks said.

"You go down the road a couple of years and teams realized that if they waited until the players became free agents, they lost them. So teams then signed promising young players to long-term contract and that was the procedure until it ran head on into collusion."

"Now, teams are going to have to reflect upon why a decade ago they signed their top young players. If the teams wait until they become free agents, they're likely to lose them. And if they keep them, they are likely to pay more money."

New York began by offering \$24.5 million and increased its proposal to \$27.5 million on Saturday. The final jump came during Monday's negotia-

tions.

The Mets will give Bonilla a \$1.5 million signing bonus, \$5.5 million in 1992, \$5.6 million in 1993, \$5.7 million in 1994, \$4.7 million in 1995 and \$4.5 million in 1996.

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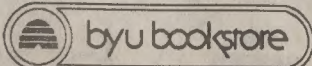
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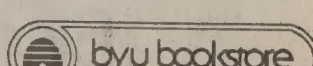
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Snowboarding hot on slopes and with younger generations

By GREG J. FEATHERSTONE
Universe Sports Writer

Where restrictions once stood and snowboarders were banned to the back areas away from skiers, the American-born and nurtured sport of snowboarding is taking off and placing itself among the dominant winter sports of the decade.

Snowboarding is permitted at more than 92 percent of North American ski resorts and according to Shredamericard Co-Founder Rick Alden, "It is time to take snowboarding seriously, since it is the only sector of the ski industry that is growing." Shredamericard is a membership card offering discounts to snowboarders at events and resorts across the United States through National Snowboard Inc.

According to a representative of the Utah Ski Association, snowboarding is offered at 10 of the 14 resorts throughout the state. "Not only do we offer snowboarding but we welcome and encourage them (snowboarders) to come out," said Cathy Jorgensen a spokesperson for Brighton ski resort.

"With the introduction of the snowboard to the slopes, it brings in a lot of people that normally wouldn't come out and get involved in some of the winter sports," Jorgensen said.

Because of the growing popularity of the sport, resorts around the nation are beginning to offer professional lessons and rental of the equipment. Professional teams are springing up and events are offered for both the experienced and inexperienced snowboarders.

One such event is offered through National Snowboard Inc., an affiliate of the American Ski Association. Together the two have combined to work out a program for the benefit of snowboarders.

The Good 'n Fruity Snowboard JaM series is a program set up to offer newcomers a chance to learn the sport from experienced snowboarders at little cost, while allowing intermediate and experienced riders to experiment with the industry's newest equipment. It also provides the opportunity to ride in freestyle and/or alpine competitions.

The 1991-92 series will be held at 16 different locations in 12 states stretching across the nation from California to Maine. The JaM event in Utah will at Snowbasin resort Jan. 4-5.

"This will be our second year hosting the snowboard JaM event," said Barbara McConvill, administrative assistant at Snowbasin resort. According to David Alden, membership coordinator for National Snowboard Inc., National Snowboard Inc. chose Snowbasin because of the terrain and open attitude of the resort for snowboarders. "Snowbasin has some of the best terrain in Utah for snowboarding and they have been very open and out-reaching for the snowboarders to come out and learn," Alden said.

While other resorts around Utah may not host such an event as the JaM series, several are opening their runs to the snowboarders and are providing special incentives to gain a share of the snowboarding market. "We are working on improved runs including a halfpipe specifically designed for snowboarders," Jorgensen said.

"Snowbird decided that snowboarding was just too big of a mar-



Universe photo by Scott Niendorf
Mike Brown, a freshman from Price, tries out one of the hottest winter sports — snowboarding — south of the Marriott Center.

ket to let go," said Ann Woodland public relations assistant at Snowbird ski resort. "To please our guests it is worth having here." According to Woodland, snowboarding brings in "a different crowd, not necessarily a new crowd" to the resorts.

Information gathered from American Sports Data, Inc. and Simmons Market Research Bureau, states that approximately 65 percent of snowboarders are between the ages of 17 and 30, with 80 percent of that group being male.

"While the vast majority of snowboarders have been between the ages of 12 and 25, we are seeing a move in both directions as younger kids are beginning to try the sport and as the older traditional skier is trying something new," McConvill said.

National Snowboard Inc. research shows that well over 50 percent of snowboarders are involved in crossover sports including skateboarding, snow and water skiing and windsurfing.

While several ski authorities in the past have dismissed snowboarding as "a passing fad," others are coming to realize the growth potential of the sport and its increasing popularity.

In an article in the December issue of Ski magazine, Warren Miller spoke of a time when an editor rejected his idea for an article dismissing snowboarding as a passing fad. Miller said he includes it among six articles that he is glad he got to write.

Snowboarding is anything but a passing fad. "We have offered snowboarders use of our runs for several

years," Woodland said. "Every year Snowbird has seen an increase in its (snowboarding's) popularity combined with the increase in percentage to skiers."

It is now the fastest growing winter sport in the world.

"Snowboarders can now be found at virtually every ski area," said JaM co-founder Jim Gardner. "Everyone wants to experience the sensation of 'surfing the snow'."

"Snowboarding is like combining skateboarding, surfing and skiing all into one package," said Tom Blair, 22, a freshman from Los Alamos, N.M. majoring in physics. "I have been involved with it for five years, and I think if people will just give it a chance and try it, they will find they like snowboarding and will stick to it."

"Although the increase in the popularity of snowboarding continues, several major ski resorts throughout Utah do not allow snowboarders on their runs. "There has been a misconception among some resorts that because they don't allow snowboarders on their hills their business will increase," said Allen Titensor, ski school director at Park West. "Because snowboarders are so visible on the slopes they get the blame for some of the problems of interaction with skiers."

According to Alden, traditional reasons for resorts not allowing snowboarding include a desire to preserve their slopes, not to startle skiers with the louder cutting noise and personal preference.

Playoff game between top teams a good idea, Miami's Erickson says

Associated Press

Miami coach Dennis Erickson likes the current bowl system just fine. But he'd be willing to play an extra game to prevent a repeat of last season, when Georgia Tech and Colorado split the title.

"I'm saying if there's a situation where you have two teams like that, it would be a good thing," Erickson said Monday. "I would be against more than one extra game."

The potential is there for another controversy this season.

Erickson's top ranked Hurricanes and No. 2 Washington both finished the season undefeated and were separated by a slim 14 points in the final Associated Press poll of the regular season.

"I'm not in favor of a playoff," Erickson said prior to speaking to the Montgomery Quarterback Club. "I really like the bowls. The tradition of the bowls is what college football is all about."

While he's against a full-fledged playoff, Erickson said it might be feasible to settle any disputes over the national title with a championship game between the 1-2 teams after the bowls are over.

"I wouldn't mind playing one more game in a year like this, or like last year between Georgia Tech and Colorado," he said.

Colorado was named No. 1 in the AP poll of writers and broadcasters, while Georgia Tech was selected No.

1 in the UPI coaches' poll.

Of course, any playoff is just a fantasy at this point. Miami (11-0) plays No. 11 Nebraska in the Orange Bowl the night of Jan. 1. Earlier in the day, Washington will take on fourth-ranked Michigan in the Rose Bowl.

Although Miami lost ground in the poll to Washington the past two weeks, Erickson said he would expect his team to win another national title if it defeats Nebraska.

"The way things are set up, the way the polls are now, we should be No. 1 regardless of who wins the other games," Erickson said, although he admits that Miami's bad boy reputation—a reputation he has worked to erase this season — could cost some votes.

"We got only one taunting penalty all year. We're doing things the right way now," he said. "But I think there are people out there who don't like Miami because of what's happened over the years. I think that hurts us (in the polls), but there's nothing I can do about that."

Erickson is happy to be playing at home, but he wonders what would have happened if the bowls had waited longer to make their matches. Perhaps it could be No. 1 Miami vs. No. 3 Florida in the Sugar Bowl.

"I would love to see that match," Erickson said. "If we had gotten the opportunity to go to the Sugar Bowl, we might be playing Florida this year. But the Sugar Bowl opted for Notre Dame."



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McWilliams out as Texas coach

Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas — University of Texas football players say former coach David McWilliams shouldn't have been blamed for the Longhorns' fall from the Southwest Conference champions to also-rans.

"He did a lot for the players," Bubba Jacques, a senior safety, said Monday. "I just don't think it's fair for him to go out like this."

McWilliams, in a brief statement Monday, stepped down as coach and said he asked to be reassigned as an associate athletic director.

"It's been fun. This certainly has been a tough decision," he said. McWilliams took no questions from the media.

Lance Gunn, a senior safety, said, "Him being our head coach this year was not the problem."

McWilliams, 31-26 after five seasons, succeeded Fred Akers, who was fired after his first losing season in 10

years. In his first year, McWilliams led the Longhorns to a 7-5 record with a Bluebonnet Bowl victory. But then came consecutive losing seasons of 4-7 and 5-6.

Texas rebounded in 1990 with a 10-2 record. Despite a 46-3 drubbing by Miami in the Cotton Bowl, the team talked national championship in 1991.

But a 31-14 loss to arch-rival Texas A&M last week capped a frustrating

5-6 year.

Texas athletic director DeLoss Dodds said he and McWilliams talked at length for several days on what was needed to improve the program.

McWilliams, 49, has been a part of the Longhorns for about 30 years, first as a center and linebacker in the early 1960s, then as an assistant from 1970-85 and as head coach from 1987 until Monday.



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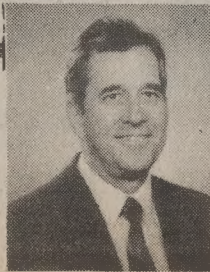
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WASHINGTON — President Bush, on the defensive because of his handling of the economy, says he wants to show cash-strapped Americans he cares.

Bush, whose job approval ratings have tumbled to their lowest level since he took office nearly three years ago, was heading South Tuesday on a trip he said gives him a chance to "listen to and learn from the American people."

It also gives him an opportunity to point to some bright spots in the middle of an economic downturn.

The President scheduled stops at a Bradenton, Fla., orange juice plant that has a successful workplace drug testing program, and an electronics plant in Meridian, Miss., that has thrived despite the recession.

The president's excursion came a day after his order for administration agencies to try to improve unemployment, job-training and other assistance programs.

But the president unveiled no new programs to spur an economic revival, saying he was "not going to do anything dumb."

Bush has been under increasing pressure to offer a plan for stimulating the economy.

And the President has been chastised by a growing chorus of critics — some of them Republicans — for not acting more decisively to end the recession.

Bush pointed to the trip as an indication of his concern for victims of the faltering economy.

"When people are hurting out there ... we've got to let them know we care," he told representatives of the real estate and home building industries.

Bush said he realizes that Americans "want to know what their government is doing right now to get the economy moving again."

Nation's economy shows no sign of recovery in October

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The government's chief measure of future economic health edged up an anemic 0.1 percent in October, reflecting virtually no escape from the precipice of hard times.

"It tells me that whatever recovery we had is gone," said economist Paul Getman of Regional Financial Associates in West Chester, Pa. "The economy is in imminent danger of slipping back into recession."

In Bradenton, Fla., President Bush said he understands the plight of Americans who have lost jobs and income power and declared "we can't sit back and hope for the best."

Bush offered no initiatives for stimulating growth, but acknowledged to workers at a Tropicana juice plant that "much more needs to be done."

The pallid increase in the Commerce Department's Index of Leading Economic Indicators followed a 0.1 percent decline in September.

The index, designed to forecast the economy six to nine months in advance, was unchanged in August.

The Departments of Commerce and Housing and Urban Development also released on Tuesday a report showing a 2.2 percent increase in new home sales in October, the seventh gain since the housing recession hit bottom last January.

Still, sales were mixed, advancing in the Midwest and South while falling in the Northeast and West. Overall, sales were 7.9 percent below October 1990.

Joel Prakken, an economist with Laurence H. Meyer & Associates, a St. Louis economic forecasting company, said the leading indicators index and other economic barometers showed the economy ended the third quarter with "no upward momentum ... and is still very, very flat."

Presidential economic adviser Michael Boskin noted "the recovery has turned quite a bit more sluggish" and said, "I wouldn't for a moment suggest the economy doesn't continue to have a serious problem."

The president, under fire from Democrats for not acting more decisively to rekindle growth, told his Florida audience that "On fiscal and monetary policy we have some good fundamentals in place. Interest rates, fortunately are down, and I am going to work hard to try to keep them down."



AP Photo

President Bush joins holiday shoppers in Maryland on Nov. 29, part of an effort to show Americans he cares about the economy.

He said he "will be pointing out difficult things" and "certain sound things that I think offer hope to the American people."

He gave no indication what they might be.

Bush's first scheduled stop Tuesday was at Tropicana Products, which was among the nation's first companies to test job applicants for illegal

drug use.

The company, which is a unit of Canadian distiller Seagram also requires its 3,000 workers to submit to drug tests as a condition for job promotions.

In Meridian, Bush planned to visit Peavey Electronics, a company that is recognized for its employee education and literacy training programs.

Santa tales: naughty or nice?

Associated Press

SOUTH KINGSTOWN, R.I. — By fostering the Big Lie, the one that's fat, jolly and dresses in red, parents could actually be hurting their children, ethics lecturer Judith Boss said.

"Parents shouldn't lie to their children in the first place," she said Monday.

"If you define a lie as saying something with the intent to deceive, then it is a lie."

"It," of course, is Santa Claus. Boss, who lectures at the University of Rhode Island, said it's time parents came clean about him.

"Saying we have to lie to them to make life bearable is making a real bad statement about what the world is about," she said.

"Children depend on their parents for a realistic view of the world. This is taking advantage of their gullibility."

Boss said she's no Scrooge. She just thinks children should know Santa is fantasy.

"It is important to stimulate fantasy. There is an enormous difference between parents telling children that Santa Claus is real and young children engaging in fantasy play or embellishing upon reality," she said in a recent article in the magazine "Free Inquiry."

Various studies indicate that about 85 percent of American 4-year-olds believe Santa is real, Boss said. Almost two-thirds of parents surveyed said they told their children that to get gifts from Santa they had to behave.

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Cook to run for governor again

Candidate still backs tax limits, wants to attract industry

By VIKKI K. CARLSON
Universe Staff Writer

The founder of Utah's Independent Party declared Monday he will run for governor and said he wants to lower taxes, attract industry and freeze funding for Utah's 2002 Olympic bid.

Merrill Cook, a familiar face in Utah politics, is the seventh candidate in the 1992 gubernatorial race. He ran unsuccessfully for governor in 1988. He said he thinks he needs to gather about 35 or 36 percent of the vote to win in 1992.

Cook is a mining executive and the head of Cook Associates Inc. An initiative to remove the tax on food backed by Cook failed to pass in the 1990 elections. He said a last-minute campaign by special-interest groups scared citizens into rejecting his proposal.

Cook ran a failed campaign for Salt Lake mayor in 1985 and also for Salt Lake County commissioner. "I always built more support as a result of these campaigns," he said. He gathered 22 percent of the vote in his 1988 gubernatorial try.

"For the last 4 years, I have in large

measure set the political agenda by leading the battles for tax limits, food tax removal and now term limits," Cook said.

"The people of Utah are increasingly coming to understand that what I have been fighting for would be good for the state."

He said he plans to limit his campaign spending to \$500,000, made up of small donations from thousands of Utahns. Cook said he will begin running television ads next week asking for contributions.

Cook has been a longtime advocate of easing the tax burden on Utah's citizens. "Budget surpluses have been huge; still Utahns have a heavy tax load," Cook said in his announcement.

Cook said he wants to use the \$250 million-a-year surplus to lower taxes while "maintaining education and essential services."

Part of Cook's educational goal is to raise teachers' salaries to the national average.

He said he wants to cut waste and overhead to be able to raise pay without raising taxes.

Another priority of Cook's is to

bring high-paying industrial jobs to Utah. Cook said his experience as the owner of a mining explosives company would help him because he knows how to draw big business to the state.

He said he hopes to broaden his base of support among educators and blue-collar workers.

Cook said he feels special-interest lobbyists have too much influence on Utah's government. He said his primary objective in running is to help Utahns get a better deal from their government.

"Lobbyists who are seeking favors for developers, out-of-state conglomerates, large insurance companies and utilities have state government in a stranglehold," Cook said. He said he favored across-the-board tax cuts for businesses as opposed to "hit and miss tax breaks."

Cook also said he is against shutting \$56 million sales tax dollars into building facilities for Salt Lake City's Olympic bid.

"It's wrong to divert that much tax money for the Winter Olympics before we win the bid," he said. Utah will not find out if it has secured the



MERRILL COOK

Olympics until 1995.

Cook graduated with a degree in economics from the University of Utah in 1969 and earned an MBA from Harvard Business School in 1971.

Japan proposes bill to send soldiers overseas

Associated Press

TOKYO — Nearly 50 years after Japan's attack on Pearl Harbor, lawmakers passed a controversial plan Tuesday allowing Japan to send ground forces overseas for the first time since World War II.

Legislators, meanwhile, considered drafting a formal apology in time for the anniversary of the Pearl Harbor attack on Saturday.

The bill, which would create a peacekeeping corps of up to 2,000 soldiers, must still be approved by the upper house, where its opponents plan to delay a final vote. Eventual passage is expected.

Bitter debate over the proposal underscored the raw emotions concerning any action dealing with the military or evoking memories of the nation's World War II defeat. Last week, a brawl in Parliament erupted between opposition lawmakers and Liberal Democrats, who pushed the bill through a special committee.

Lawmakers worry about criticism that Japan avoids its global responsibilities by relying on "checkbook diplomacy" — sending money but few personnel in world crises such as the Persian Gulf War. Japan deployed minesweepers to the gulf after the cease-fire. But opponents say the bill violates Japan's postwar pacifist con-

stitution, which renounces the use of military force overseas. About 3,000 demonstrators rallied against the bill in Tokyo after it was passed 311-167.

Also, neighbors such as China and the two Koreas, which suffered Japanese attacks this century, are uneasy about any hint of a rebirth of Japanese militarism. "We understand the Japanese motive behind its effort to participate in the U.N. peacekeeping operations but call for prudence in sending its troops overseas because of the unfortunate experiences of the neighboring countries with Japan," said a statement from South Korea's Foreign Ministry.

The governing Liberal Democratic

Party is pressing for the corps to join the U.N. effort in Cambodia.

But even Gen. Atsushi Shima, chief of staff of the Ground Self-Defense Forces — from which the peacekeeping troops would be drawn — was quoted by the Kyodo News Service as saying, "I think legislators in the lower house should have approved the bill only after gaining much more understanding from the people."

Testimony completed in trial of defendants in Watkins' death

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Defense and prosecution lawyers said Tuesday that after almost six weeks they had presented all their evidence in the trial of four youths charged with the murder of Utah tennis fan Brian Watkins.

The lawyers will begin closing arguments to the jury on Thursday and will probably finish sometime Friday. Justice Edwin Torres will give his final instructions to the jury — his "charge" — on Monday.

The lawyers, who called no witnesses Tuesday, spent the day discussing with Torres the charge, each lawyer asking the judge to instruct the jury in a way that he hopes will benefit his case.

Alan Farberman, lawyer for Pascal Carpenter, said he would ask Torres to give the jury detailed instructions on the defense for felony murder.

The four youths on trial are charged with Watkins' murder, even though none of them is accused of wielding the knife that was plunged into his heart during the subway station robbery on Sept. 2, 1990. They are charged because they took part in a felony in which another participant killed someone.

Farberman claims Carpenter was just the lookout and was 65 feet away from the attack on the five members of the Watkins family.

He also said Carpenter's videotaped statement to police provides elements the law requires to relieve him of felony murder: he repeatedly said he was unaware that others in the group had a weapon or intended to use a weapon.

Only two of the defense lawyers called witnesses during the trial. They were Dana Hanna, representing Emiliano Fernandez, and David Richman, lawyer for Johnny Hincapie. Both lawyers tried to show that police deprived the defendants of their rights by questioning them before they were read their Miranda rights or told they were under arrest. Therefore, the lawyers argue, any statement after the arrest should be suppressed.

Torres ruled before trial that the statements could be admitted at trial, so now all the defense lawyers will try to win in their closing arguments.

In the September attack, Brian Watkins, 22, was stabbed in the heart when he tried to help his mother, Karen, 47, who was punched and kicked by the muggers. His father Sherwin, 47, was slashed across the buttocks and robbed of \$200.

The defendants, who said they needed the money to go dancing, are being tried four at a time. In addition to Carpenter, Fernandez and Hincapie, Ricardo Nova is on trial. All four are 19 and all are from Queens.

All gave police statements admitting they intended to rob, but they never planned to kill.

17 killed during attempted African coup

Associated Press

LOME, Togo — Soldiers seeking to force Gen. Gnassingbe Eyadema back to power used tanks and rockets to blast into the civilian government palace Tuesday and seize the reformist prime minister, killing at least 17 people.

Eyadema issued a statement saying Prime Minister Joseph Koffigoh was brought to him for discussions. A radio report late Tuesday said the two agreed to form a coalition government and ordered the troops back to their barracks.

Koffigoh was put on television Tuesday night. Wearing a khaki shirt, he read a statement in a breaking voice that said he had agreed to name a new government.

"To avoid a bloodbath ... I decided to surrender," he said. Eyadema also appeared in the broadcast.

The report by Togo radio, controlled for a week by soldiers, did not say who would be in the "national unity government," but Eyadema and his troops clearly were in control.

The United States and France, the former colonial ruler of Togo, strongly condemned the attack on the 4-month-old interim government. French officials declined to comment on the possibility of military intervention, which Koffigoh previously called for.

Koffigoh supporters said Western nations' support for democracy in Africa was being tested by the effort to restore Eyadema to power.

In the past two years, 21 African governments have been forced by unrest, civil wars and Western aid cut-offs to agree at least in principle to permit multiparty democracy.

"We call for the prime minister's immediate release and demand that President Eyadema take firm action to undo this morning's action and put Togo's democratic process back on track," State Department spokeswoman Margaret Tutwiler said in Washington.

The assault on the oceanside palace killed at least 17 people, most of them soldiers from the 60 French-trained guards protecting the government headquarters, said hospital sources, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Rebel soldiers attempted a coup last week in which at least 23 civilians were killed, but backed down when it

appeared French troops might intervene in the West African nation.

Eyadema, stripped of most powers in August after a 24-year rule, sent mixed signals early in the day when he issued a statement condemning the attack Tuesday while he also supported the rebels' demands that Koffigoh dissolve his government.

Late Tuesday, two powerful explosions rocked the capital at five-minute intervals.

They appeared to come from around the prime minister's palace, which was cordoned off by soldiers.

State radio said the international airport was closed and all Togo's borders would be closed "until further notice."

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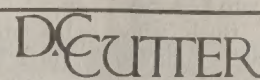
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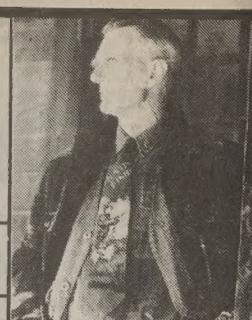
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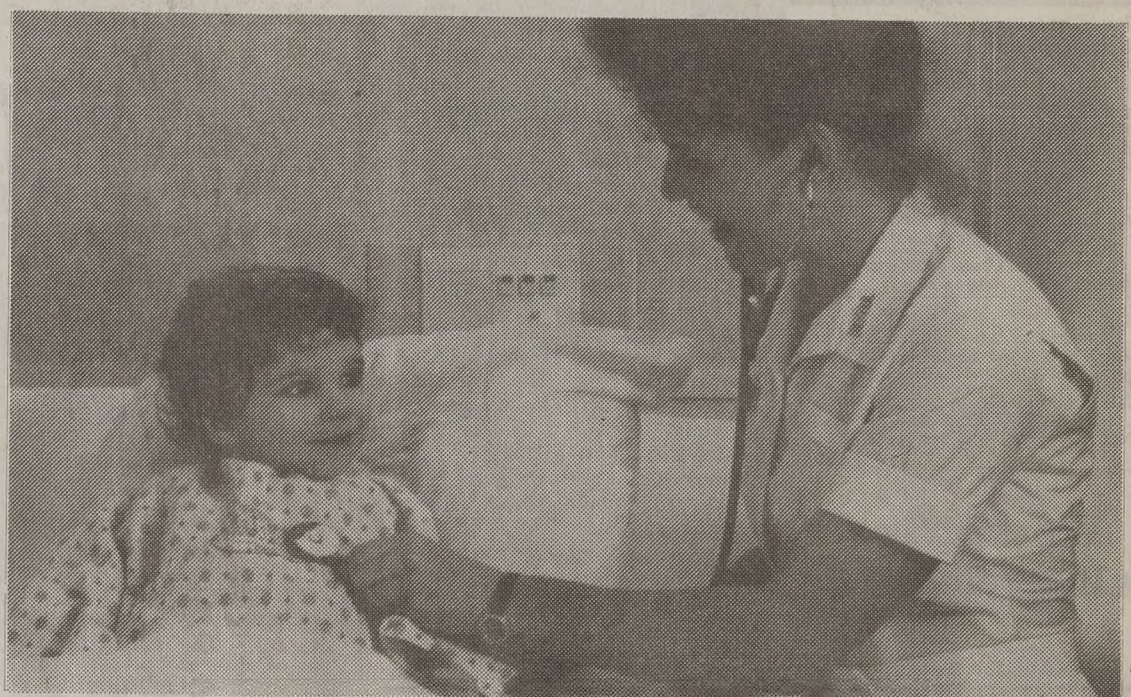
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